

Minutes of Meeting

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting

June 27, 1996

Attendance:

Dan Sherman, Council Member
Don Wasson, Council Member
Bob Olander, City Manager
Tim Heydon, Public Works Director
Jim Seitz, Transportation Engineer

Topics: 6 Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
Right of Way Acquisition - 240th/16th Traffic Signal Project

The meeting started with Jim explaining that the yearly update of the TIP is a State mandated requirement that all cities and counties must accomplish. It provides a valuable planning tool for coordinating projects with other city departments, utilities, and other outside agencies.

Jim handed out a draft copy of the TIP that listed the projects in order of their estimated start time and preliminary estimate of cost. A copy of the city's ten year pavement rehabilitation plan and a six year list of proposed overlays was also distributed to the committee members. Maps of the projects and overlays were laid out on the table to show their locations. Jim explained how a ten year pavement rehabilitation plan had just recently been completed and was used to develop the list of overlay projects for the next six years of the TIP. It was noted that the Woodmont and Redondo areas were not included in the list of overlay projects, but would be incorporated when those areas have been surveyed for pavement condition. An estimated 20% to 30% increase in the overlay budget was projected to include projects in Woodmont and Redondo.

After reviewing the list of overlays, the committee recommended moving the Des Moines Memorial Drive overlay to the second year of the plan as opposed to the first year. This allows additional time to try to get State or federal funding for a project to improve drainage and provide sidewalks along this street.

Jim continued down the list of projects on the plan and gave a brief description of each and explained that all the projects on the list were in the Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Plan, with the exception of the North Twin Bridge Project and 6th Avenue South Improvements. Again, it was noted that with the exception of 16th Avenue Project, the Woodmont and Redondo area projects are not currently on the TIP.

After reviewing all the projects, the committee recommended that the Draft Six-Year Transportation Plan for 1997-2002 be forwarded to the full council for a public hearing and approval.

Action Items for Staff:

- 1) Move Des Moines Memorial Drive overlay project to the second year of the TIP.
- 2) Prepare staff's presentation of plan for Pubic Hearing on July 11, 1996.

The next topic for the committee was the last right of way acquisition for the 240th/16th Traffic Signal Project. Jim reviewed the issue with the committee. He explained how two of the three right of way acquisitions for the project were completed and we had approached the last property owner with another offer to, hopefully, address their reservations about selling. Jim recalled that at the last P.S. & T. committee meeting, staff was directed to make an offer of improvements such as curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along with fencing, in lieu of a cash settlement. The property owner had previously rejected a cash offer and indicated he was very opposed to making his lot any smaller than it already was. After hearing staff's second offer of improvements, the property owner again repeated that he would not be interested in selling. He liked his property frontage the way it was now and did not want any changes that these improvements would cause. The committee directed staff to withdraw the city's offer to purchase the right of way at this location. Staff indicated that this decision would not significantly affect this signal project, but any future widening to the east of the intersection for sidewalks would require that we approach the property owner again. Staff indicated that the design plans for the project could be completed with the resolution of this issue.

Action Items for Staff:

- 1) Prepare and send letter withdrawing the city's offer to purchase right of way at the subject property.
- 2) Complete design plans.